

Soldier Summit Cemetery:

10-10-84 Tom Brackenbury first told Dr Robert R. Green where to look for the Seven Soldiers Graves. These 6 men & one 15yr old soldiers died by freezing in 1861 & were buried near a spring about 1/2 - 3/4 mile south of present-day Soldier Summit.

Dr Green looked part of the afternoon & did not find them. Took picture of Grave Stone.

10- -84 another short visit by RRG, Phil Wright, & Clyde Broadbent to inspect bldgs & sewage in Soldier Summit.

Sat. 5-18-85 RRG & Albert Rex Whiting, by appt., went to visit Tom & Pat Brackenbury at Soldier Summit. We took pictures again of the grave stone which belongs to the Soldier Graves. Tom ask old Keith E Walters what happed to the old town records of Sold. Sum. He said he put them on the dump east of his motel just 2 wks before.

Tom had taken us to find the graves already, so we spent at least 2 hrs. going thru the dump & Mrs Brakenbury, retrieving document, checks, papers, arrest records etc. (5 paste board boxes full) some were wet. We hauled em all back home to Heber Utah. We were grateful for our day's work & important finds

5-18-85 During this day, we also had a

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Most people living in Wasatch County are prone to think of it as being Heber City surrounded by Midway, Charleston, Wallburg, Daniel and Center Creek and a few scattered farms and industries. Little is known locally of the last region in Wasatch County to be pioneered, settled and then, almost abandoned. This place is Soldier Summit.

The stories told by old settlers are to the effect that a fragment of Johnson's Army became separated from the main body somewhere in Wyoming and wandered into this part of Wasatch County where they perished from cold and exposure during the winter of 1857. Hence the name of Soldier Summit.

Whoever found and buried these men were most kind. Each grave is well-marked with a cross of rocks laid on the surface of each grave. A fence was built around the six graves.

The D. R. G. & Western Railroad chose Soldier Summit as a division point. Here a thriving, rather tough town, grew up only to be forsaken when trainmen found it impossible to fight the snow and cold. The division was returned to Helper.

According to the town record there should be 96 people there, but that figure seems much to "hopeful." In Soldier Summit you find one of the County's best equipped schools. Community loyalty is unsurpassed. No service is too great for our patrons to perform. Recently men waded in snow to their armpits to bring in the Christmas tree. On next Sunday afternoon the parents will gather and trim the tree after which everyone will partake of a fine community supper and take part in a song fest. Every child will receive a gift and Santa will not forget the adults when the big party is held December 20, 1931.

chance to talk to Keith Carter who runs a bar in Sold. Sum. on week ends. He told us that there was another grave site of 3 or more Japense men who were burried on a hill to the SW of Soldier Summit near the old Dairy.

6-9-85 Verne Jeffers also told us of another few graves across the tracks on a knoll about 200 yards from where you cross the tracks